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The Paper Pulpit

the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates

Conversationalists wanted!

Do you enjoy a good conversation with a small group of people – never more than 9 in all – who share interests but have different perspectives and ideas and experiences? Do you enjoy exploring spiritual, ethical, moral, religious issues? Do you like to laugh and learn with others?

Then perhaps you'd be interested in one of our OnLine Covenant Groups.

The OLCGs got started back in January as an experiment to see if we could nurture relationships, share our thoughts, perhaps learn something new in small online groups. We hoped this would offer a way of handling a number of issues.

Often we have a hard time getting to the church for events – the weather is unfriendly, or we've stopped driving at night, or childcare is an issue, or it's just too far to travel after supper. We can find 90 minutes once a month, but we can't find 90 minutes plus 45-60 minutes of travel time. For some, health is an issue. A conversation is great – but not expending the energy to leave the house for it. Hence the online experiment.

We're in our 7th month now, and finding it works quite well. In our 4 different small groups, we've all addressed a common monthly topic, with the topic announced in advance to give us time to think about it before we gather. So far, we've explored (among other topics) Gratitude, Mind-Body Connection, How UUs Can Save the World, and Special Objects & Their Stories.

In August, we're talking about Making Space in a world too full of demands, noise, things, how do we slow down and make space for our own healing and rest? In September, we'll be considering the loss of creative thinking, the challenge of thinking rationally rather than with clichés, memes, stereotypes, and sound bites. Other upcoming topics include What Are Your Passions?, Talking Religion with the Evangelicals in Our Worlds, and the Nature of UU Spirituality.

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Any of that sound interesting?

There's room in each of our groups for at least one more member, and if we have enough interest, we'll start a 5th group that will meet on a Sunday evening. We currently have 4 different meeting times: the Third Tuesday, Fourth Monday, and Fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30-9pm, and the Fourth Saturday, 10-11:30am.

If you'd be interested in joining in, let me know which group or groups (including the Third Sunday, 7:30-9pm) would work for you, and I'll send you the information you need to get your computer or tablet ready to join in (we meet on Zoom ~ very simple to use).

Come join us!

Peace ~ Lindsay

Religious Education News

Habitat for Humanity Trip

We would like to welcome back our Habitat for Humanity group! Thank you for doing such a wonderful job building a house for a deserving family. A special thank you to Nancy Christensen for organizing the trip.

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| Paula Amat | Dane McKittrick |
| Sam Atac | Andy Montgomery |
| Aron Bartoszek | David Montgomery |
| Jenny Benjamin | Mary Phillips |
| Katherine Benjamin | Kenna Powell |
| Nancy Christensen | Tori Saam |
| Grace Christiani | Sophia Spiegel |
| Alex Cordogan | Evelyn Steinbrueck |
| Neil Glazier | Chris Stibal |
| Mara Handler | Jeff Stibal |
| Natalie Hong | Jeremy Swanson |
| Bryce Jonke | Ryan Thornton |
| Audrey Jonke | Katy Vetter |
| Mary Jonke | Lou Whiting |
| Isaac Karim | Tom Zimmerman |
| Joe Masini | Ben Zinser |
| Anna Masini | |

LRE Teachers Needed

Our teaching teams are filling up nicely, but we still have some open spots we hope to fill. We are looking for 2 LRE teachers for our K-2nd grade class at 11:15am.

We have exciting curriculum focused on our UU sources. In a teaching team of four people, you can pick your Sundays, teaching twice a month on average.

If you are interested in joining a team, contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.



Homecoming Sunday

Homecoming Sunday is September 20. We are looking forward to a successful and joyful Religious Education church year!

Guided Meditation

The UUSG Buddhist Meditation group will host a one-hour guided meditation on Saturday, August 22 at 9am. No experience is necessary. Open to high school through adult. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. Childcare will not be provided. Questions? Contact Eric Bodwell at uubuddhism@uusg.org.

Thank You, Teachers!

We would like to thank our 2015-2016 volunteer teachers and advisors:

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| Jaime Andersen | Martha Malana |
| Lee Bernard | Alice Martin |
| Sherri Casterline | Andy Montgomery |
| Nancy Christensen | Jenny Montgomery |
| Kim McDuffee-Dotson | Wendy Mosier |
| Becky Hruby | Carol Myers |
| Kate Johnson | Dawn Pokorny |
| Griffin Johnson | Bill Pokorny |
| Mary Jonke | Sara Robbins |
| Elba Karim | Bill Scown |
| Jennifer Klein | Shawn Thornton |
| Chung Liang | Tom Zimmerman |
| Vera Lind | |

Teachers – Save the Date

Our Teacher Start-Up meeting will be Monday, August 24, 7:30-9:30pm.

This meeting will be held in the YRUU Room on the lower level.

RE Registration Reminder

Your child(ren) were sent home this spring with a registration form for the upcoming church year.

Please review, sign, and return the form to ensure your children is registered for the 2015-2016 church year.

Forms can be returned to the envelope on the LRE bulletin board in the Common Room or mailed to the church (P.O. Box 107, Geneva, IL, 60134).

If you need another copy of your form, please contact Michelle Gibson, our Church School Administrator, at LRE@uusg.org.

Swedish Days Pizza Booth

A HUGE thank you to Mary Swanson, who coordinated the fundraiser, worked many hours, and was always on hand to answer questions and encourage volunteers! We are so grateful for your energy and dedication. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are also extremely grateful to our Day Managers, who kept the Booth stocked with pizza and worked hard to make the fundraiser a success: Mark Adams, Bob Atac, Nancy Christensen, Eleanor Hamilton, Glenda Peck, Tom Russo, and Bob Swanson.

Many thanks to this year's counters, who handled the money so the Day Managers could concentrate on pizza: Kevin Beyer, Brad Lipman, Dave Moore, Jim O'Malley, and Kevin O'Neill.

And last but not least, to everyone who worked at the Booth, THANK YOU!

Mark Adams
 Mike Anderer
 Bob Atac
 Katie Baar
 Rachel Benjamin
 Jenny Benjamin
 Katherine Benjamin
 Sandy Bottoms
 Anne Brink
 Jill Brown
 Patricia Burch
 Cathy Carpenter
 Jamie Carroll
 Jim Carroll
 Nancy Christensen
 Grace Christiani
 Kathy Cornell
 James Cunningham
 Al Drover
 Lynn Fisher McCanne
 Aaron Fogleman
 Jim Frazier
 Tim Fuller

Roger Gallentine
 Cari Gesiakowski
 Nancy Goodfellow
 Andrea Gruszecki
 Eleanor Hamilton
 Diane Handler
 Sharon Hansen
 Dave Hansen
 Buffy Higgins
 Sally Jones
 Sarah Jonke
 Chuck Lantz
 Karen Laukaitis
 Tom Lichtenheld
 Gary Littlefield
 Katherine Lyons
 Joe Masini
 Patrick McGleam
 Kathy Meier
 Jan Miller
 Craig Moore
 Carol Myers
 Jeanne Neltner

Glenda Peck
 Eric Peterson
 Mary Phillips
 Jean Pierce
 Lou Pierce
 Velma Powers
 Manya Prahl
 Tom Russo
 Kerry Sapet
 Hal Schulman
 Chris Schulman
 William Scown
 Ben Stibal
 Jeffrey Stibal
 Susan Stibal
 Bob Swanson
 Karla Thompson
 David Tomell
 Renée Tomell
 Michael Trejo
 Cindy Vacek
 Pat Vary
 Elliott Welsh

Luci Whiting
 Adam Yurkewicz
 Steve Zrebiec

Thank you also to Alistair Betts, Cathy Kern, and David Tomell, who were ready to work and got rained out.

We try to keep accurate lists of who is involved in our fundraisers, but sometimes we accidentally leave people off of lists like these. If you helped out at the Pizza Booth and your name does not appear on this list, please let us know with an email to Katie Phillips at office@uusg.org.

Pizza Booth Results

Money Raised for UUSG: \$4,960.62

Money Raised for Our Youth's Habitat for Humanity Trip: \$194

Number of 2-hour shifts: 107

Number of Volunteers: 85+

Number of Pizzas: 287



Welcome Back, Choir!

Many thanks to everyone who donated to bring back the choir this year!

We have reached the \$4,000 needed to pay for a Choir Director and a pianist, so any additional funds received will go to provide new music for the choir (an expense which was also cut out of this year's budget).

Donations may be made via check or through Paypal (go to www.uusg.org and click on the yellow "Donate" button in the right-hand sidebar). Please write checks to UUSG with "for Choir Director fund" on the memo line or, if using Paypal, note that your donation is for the Choir Director Fund.

With gratitude, the UUSG Choir

Used Book Sale Extended!

We've added another day to our used book sale! Restock your library this Saturday, August 1, 9am-3pm.

2 ways you can help

- Do you live on a busy street? Are you willing to post a yard sign advertising the book sale?
- We also need people to help with set-up and take-down.

If you can help, please contact Jean Pierce and Pat Ward with email to usedbooksale@uusg.org to:

- give us a venue for a sign
- volunteer to help with set-up on Friday, July 31, 5-7pm
- volunteer to help with take-down on Saturday, August 1, 3-5pm

Tom's Talent

We are thrilled to report that the book sale will also feature 10-15 pieces of church member Tom Lichtenheld's original artwork – outtakes from his children's books. In addition, we will be selling signed prints and books.

All proceeds from Tom's sales will be donated to UUSG.

Support Our New Assistant Minister

We're very excited that our new Assistant Minister, Scott Talbot Lewis, will be joining our staff beginning September 1!



If you have already made a pledge to support him, thank you! If you haven't make a pledge yet, we invite you to add your support – you can pledge online at www.uusg.org/assistant-minister-pledge or in the Common Room.

Who Deserves a PPG Award?

Our weekly "Promoting Practical Goodness" Award is an opportunity to recognize our fellow church members and friends for the many small ways people give of themselves at UUSG. If you'd like to nominate someone, please send to Katie Phillips (office@uusg.org) 1-2 sentences about what they do (or did).

Membership Preparation Class

Have you been attending UUSG for at least 3 months? Are you thinking about becoming a member? Have you attended at least some of our "New UUs" Orientation Sessions?

If so, please attend a 2-hour Membership Prep Class on Sunday, August 16, 11:30am. This class is a requirement for church membership. Those who are ready to sign the book will have the opportunity to do so at the end of this class. (The next opportunity will be in November.)

A light lunch is included, and childcare (up to age 6) will be provided for those who request it in advance.

Please sign up for this class in the Common Room or online at www.uusg.org/mem-prep-class.

Want to Know More?

Most recent Board Meeting Minutes: www.uusg.org/board-meeting-minutes

Most recent Team Reports: www.uusg.org/team-reports

Most recent Financial Report: www.uusg.org/financial-report

Lost? Found!

Please check the Lost & Found tables in the Common Room for your belongings. Anything not claimed by this Thursday will disappear.

Our Flowers Need YOU!

Please help us keep our flowers blooming by signing up to water them for one week this summer.

Depending on how much help we get from Mother Nature, this shouldn't involve a large investment in time.

In a typical week, we would water the flower beds in the Memorial Garden and also the urns in front of the Sanctuary once or twice.

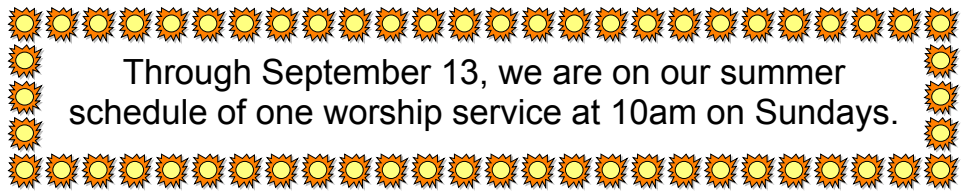
Just come by whenever it's convenient for you during your week and give our flowers a drink! Sign up online at www.uusg.org/watering or in the Common Room.

Many thanks to those who have watered (or signed up to water) already this summer – Tim Fuller, Karin Kemp, Karen Laukaitis, Kathy Meier, Karen Moore, Velma Powers, Llona Steele, and Shawn Thornton.

Looking Good!

We're looking for a few volunteers to assist Patrick McGleam with trimming the shrubs and other groundskeeping tasks. Training and support will be provided. Volunteers can work on their own schedule.

If you can volunteer to help keep our grounds looking good, please contact Deann Alleman at facilities@uusg.org.



Summer Services, Sunday School, & Staffing

Worship Services

All services are on Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted.

- August 2: Guest in the Pulpit: Thom Thomas will speak on "Back to School"
- August 9: Taize Service, led by Cynthia Spiegel
- August 16: Guest in the Pulpit: the Rev. Dr. Rudra Dundzila will speak on "Worshiping With Recruits at Great Lakes Naval"
- August 23: Rev. Lindsay will speak on "Building Bridges"
- August 30: Poetry Service, led by William Elbert
- September 6: Rev. Lindsay will speak on "Working for Meaning"
- September 13: All-Music Service, led by Ruth Cavanaugh

Last summer service

- September 20: Homecoming Sunday!
Back to two services each Sunday, at 9:30am and 11:15am

Church School

- Church school is on summer hiatus until September 20.

Spring & Summer Staffing

- July 29 – August 13: Senior Minister on vacation, then at conference
- August 16-20: Congregational Administrator on vacation
- through August 17: Church School Administrator working from home Monday – Thursday
- Monday, September 7: Office closed and all staff off for Labor Day

Merry Melodies

We're thankful for all the wonderful music this month, including twin helpings of songs by duo Beth and John Towell. Cynthia Spiegel shared her vocal gifts, and Amanda Bollero performed a lovely piano solo.

We enjoyed rich performances by pianists Patricia Arzaga, Lynn Fisher McCanne, and Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, who was joined by her son Stephen Cordogan. He shared his multiple talents, including taking part in four-hand piano arrangements and playing cello in a duet.

Looking ahead, we'll be treated to Cynthia Spiegel leading the music of a Taize service and the keyboard artistry of pianists Patricia Arzaga, Geoff Pynn, and Dean Malambri.

Our one-of-a-kind Music Ministry is a reflection of the diverse beliefs here at UUSG. To share your own unique gift, share suggestions, or express your appreciation of our work, please reach out to our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans (music@uusg.org).

Social Justice News

Fair Trade

UUSG supports Fair Trade/Equal Exchange products by purchasing coffee, tea, and sugar for church use. In addition, FT/EE items are for sale to the congregation at no or very low mark-up.

These products are displayed in the Common Room north armoire. When purchasing items, please make your check out to "UUSG" with "FT" in memo. Place checks in the coffee can on the top shelf along with any requests or suggestions.

New products include extra virgin olive oil, specialty coffees, and honey in easy-dispensing squeeze bottles.

August Friday Flick: *Dream On*

Dream On is an insightful investigation of income inequality. Political comedian John Fugelsang traces the path of de Tocqueville, who described the American Dream – so-called, according to George Carlin, “because you have to be asleep to believe it.” Yet Fugelsang encounters Americans who “are hard-wired to work for something better.”

Co-sponsored with Northern Illinois Jobs with Justice, the film is playing at film festivals and will air on PBS as an election special in 2016. At 7pm on August 28, be among the first people to view and critique this powerful film.

“Change for a Change”

The “Change for a Change” jar at the front of the Sanctuary is a year-round project that supports an organization chosen by students in our Religious Education Program.

Last church year, we collected \$414.30 to support our Bridge family, Jasmine Cotton and her five-year-old twin boys, Jahki and Jahleel.

This church year, contributions to the “Change for a Change” jar will support “Elba’s Kids,” a project started by church member Elba Karim to support neglected and abused children.

Supporting a School in Rural Kenya

For the July “Beyond Our Walls,” we are collecting funds to support the Jane Adeny Memorial School (JAMS) for girls in rural Kenya, which admits indigenous young women.

We took a special collection on July 19, but are accepting donations all month. If you would like to support this school, please donate via Paypal (go to www.uusg.org and look for the yellow “Donate” button in the right sidebar) to be certain that your donation is received by the church before the end of July.

Giving “Beyond Our Walls”

We collected \$770 during our June “Beyond Our Walls” collections. Contributions were sent to TriCity Family Services. For nearly 50 years, TriCity Family Services (TCFS) has been Kane County’s leading provider of counseling and other mental health services to clients of all ages and all income levels.

Helping the Hungry

The combined Social Justice Monthly Day of Service and Food Bank Group's next volunteer event will take place on Saturday, August 22, 9am-12pm.

Children ages 8 and up are welcome with a parent. To sign up, visit www.uusg.org/food-bank or contact Kevin Beyer at foodbankleader@uusg.org.

Commit to Knit (or crochet or quilt)

Got air conditioning? Then you can knit and crochet to your heart’s content despite the heat!

And if you or someone you know loves quilting, please consider helping out our parent organization with quilted sleeping mats for AIDS orphans. For more information, check out the patterns section of the Women4Women Knitting4Peace website: www.knitting4peace.org/what-we-do/patterns.

Locally, our monthly get-togethers will resume in the fall. Do you have questions, suggestions, or donations? Contact Katherine Lyons at knitting@uusg.org.

UUSG is making a real difference in the world! To see some of the “thank you” letters we have received from the organizations we support, go to www.uusg.org/donation-appreciation/.

Staff Vacations in July & August

Our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, is on vacation July 29 - August 13. In the event of an emergency or urgent matter, you may call our Lay Ministries Coordinator, Mark Alleman, at 630-863-3569 or Lay Minister Jim Jenkins at 630-677-2232.

Our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips, will be on vacation August 16-20. In her absence, please send your Mini-Pioneer and weekly email submissions to office@uusg.org by Wednesday at 9am as usual.

“Promoting Practical Goodness”

We send our heartfelt thanks to:

Mary Swanson for the countless hours she spent making sure our Swedish Days Pizza Booth ran smoothly, keeping our volunteers pumped up to sell tattoos and pizza, and managing a thousand little details to make this year’s booth a success.

Sharon Hansen, Glenda Peck, and Gail Tattersfield for providing coffee and other refreshments to our grounds crew for the Spring Spruce-Up on May 16. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated! (Sorry for the delay in recognizing you; better late than never!)

Puppeteers Rhonda Robinson, Hal Schulman, Diane Thornton, Nancy Goodfellow, Melissa Auer, Jeannie Scown, and Andrea Gruszecki: they performed nearly every Sunday during our LRE Spring curriculum! We are lucky to have all your talent.

Diane Gallentine, who gathered up all our classroom tablecloths and curtains, washed them, and put them all back in place. It’s so nice to have clean linens!

July Lazarus House volunteers: Glenda Peck for preparing lunches; Ann Drover and Gail & George Tattersfield for making dinner; and Tim Fuller for staying overnight.

Greeters: Dan & Sandy Bottoms, Martha & Anthony Malana, Chris & Hal Schulman

Hosts: all those who helped in June

Counters: Kevin Beyer, Al Drover, Brad Lipman, Jim O’Malley, Patricia Ward, Finance Team

Super Summer Supper

Sign up today for the Super Summer Supper at 6pm on August 22 (sign up in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/super-summer-supper).

People are invited to bring any type of dish – salad, entree, or dessert (with or without meat or dairy). In addition, we need helpers with set-up (at 4pm) and clean-up (at about 8pm).

Challenge: some of the dishes will be vegan, and you can participate in a taste test. Prizes to folks with the most discerning taste buds!

Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary, Hospitality & Fellowship, and Social Justice Teams, this is a family-friendly social event for all ages – no childcare will be provided.

Questions? Email SuperSummerSupper@uusg.org.

So Much Cereal!

Thank you to everyone who participated in July’s volunteer shift at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Together we packed 1,410 meals of Kashi cereal!



Kevin Beyer
James Carroll
Jamie Carroll
Salome Fogleman
Lisa Gades
Diane Gallentine
Roger Gallentine
Kathleen Herrera
Jett Herrera-Glezen
Harrison Lemme
Eric Jonke
Vera Lind

Chuck Lantz
Dan Masini
Katie Masini
Gary Noll
Kathie Noll
Lou Pierce
Ramset Rusef
Craig Smit
Ilene Smit
Martha Tabis
Chris Weithers

UUSG Turns 175!

UUSG will celebrate its 175th birthday in 2017, and it’s not too soon to start planning for this momentous occasion! If you would like to help plan the festivities, please contact Pat Ward at 175@uusg.org.

Green Corner

Have You “Herb” the Latest?

During the summer, watch for fresh-cut herbs from UUSG’s small garden in front of Pioneer House, snipped and shared during Social Hour by the Green Sanctuary Team. Spruce up your meals with fresh rosemary, parsley, dill, basil, and sage. Just look for the herb basket. Free for everyone!

Green Tomato Grocery Co-Op

The Green Tomato Grocery Co-op is featuring at farmers’ markets this summer in Fox River Valley locations. Why not check out their plans when you spot them? The organizers are hoping to move rapidly by summer’s end. Let’s consider offering our help for this exciting start-up phase. Contact them at info@greentomato.coop for more info.

Simplify Your Giving With Paypal

Would you like to automate your giving to UUSG? We have a Paypal account, so you can set up a recurring payment to come from your checking account or be charged to your credit card.

Go to our homepage (www.uusg.org) and look for the yellow “Donate” button in the right-hand sidebar.

Folk Concert

On Saturday, September 5 at 7pm, UUSG will host a live WFMT (98.7 FM) radio broadcast!

The concert will feature folk musicians from the Folk Festival being held in Geneva this weekend.

Tickets are available by contacting the Fox Valley Folklore Society through <http://foxvalleyfolk.com>.

Women’s Retreat

Save the Date! We are excited to share the dates for the 3rd Annual Women’s Retreat. “Web of Women: Connecting the Women of UUSG” will be January 22-24, 2016.

More details to come. Questions? Contact Samantha Mejia at womensretreat@uusg.org.

UUSG FY2014-2015 Financial Summary

Income

We budgeted for an income of \$360,991 with a projected deficit of \$17,686 (for a total of \$378,677). We received actual income of \$352,136, which is \$26,541 under budget.

Details: Pledge income came in at 98% of the budgeted amount. Plate donations were 76% of the budgeted amount.

Expenses

We budgeted for expenses of \$378,679 and spent \$365,852, which is \$12,827 under the budgeted amount.

Details: Although our “Place” expenses were higher than expected, expenses for Nursery Caregivers, the Technology Team, the WOW Team, and the Worship Team were lower than expected.

Deficit

Total actual income	\$352,136
Total actual expenses	<u>\$365,852</u>
Deficit	\$ 13,716

The deficit of \$13,716 will be covered by the Elsa Ollsson Capital Endowment Fund.

UUSG Annual Picnic

Save the date of September 13 for the 9th Annual UUSG Homecoming Picnic! Details to follow; sign-up will begin in August.



Circles of Life

Congratulations to Dave and Karen Moore, whose daughter Susan and new son-in-law Dan were married by Rev. Lindsay at UUSG on July 18! We wish the newlyweds many happy years together.

AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Congregational Administrator Off Today</i> YRUU Habitat for Humanity Trip Concludes 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Women's Retreat Planning Meeting 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Social Justice Team Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Escalating Inequality	27 9:00 AM PIONEER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Collaboration/Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Reiki Share 7:30 PM Compassionate Communication Study Group 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group--CANCELED	28 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - 8:45 PM Private Meeting	29 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	30 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 5:00 PM - 8:45 PM Private Meeting	31 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Used Book Sale Set-Up	1 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Used Book Sale
2 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Workshop: Escalating Inequality	3 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 7:30 PM Technology Team Meeting	4 <i>Senior Minister On Vacation</i> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - 8:45 PM Private Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Music Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Program & Administrative Councils	5 <i>Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference</i> 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Heritage Team Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	6 <i>Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference</i> 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Green Tomato Co-op Meeting	7 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference</i>	8 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Senior Minister at Hypnotism Conference</i>
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16 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> 10:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Service; Social Hour at 11:00 AM 11:00 AM Hospitality & Fellowship Team Meeting 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Membership Prep Class 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Reiki Share	17 <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Bible Study for UUs" Group	18 <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Online Covenant Group	19 <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Day Off</i> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM UU Buddhism Meditation and Study Group 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM GAS AA	20 <i>Congregational Administrator On Vacation</i> <i>Senior Minister's Sabbath</i>	21 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i>	22 <i>Church School Administrator's Day Off</i> <i>Congregational Administrator's Day Off</i> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Monthly Day of Service: Food Bank Group (off-site) 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM UUSG Buddhist Group Guided Meditation 10:00 AM Online Covenant Group 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Super Summer Supper
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Our Covenant

(written in 1842)

Being desirous of promoting practical goodness in the world, and of aiding each other in our moral and religious improvement, we have associated ourselves together — not as agreeing in opinion, not as having attained universal truth in belief or perfection in character, but as seekers after truth and goodness.

Our Mission Statement

(adopted by the congregation May 19, 1996)

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva is a diverse, welcoming community which endeavors to make its Covenant a living reality. We provide religious education and opportunities for spiritual growth. We encourage individual and mutual responsibility as together we work to be a liberal religious voice in the community and a force for compassionate social justice.

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